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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments

In the Specification

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-18, and substitute therefor the following paragraph:

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--This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 08/821,935, filed on March 21, 1997 by Bigus et al., entitled "INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH NEGOTIATION CAPABILITY AND METHOD OF NEGOTIATION THEREWITH." This application is also related to the following U.S. Patent Applications, all of which were filed by Bigus et al.: U.S. Serial No. 08/822,119 filed on March 21, 1997 and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING BETWEEN AN INTELLIGENT AGENT AND CLIENT COMPUTER PROCESS USING DISGUISED MESSAGES," U.S. Serial No. 08/826,107 filed on March 21, 1997 and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER